

SARAH EVANS TAYLOR

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Sarah Evans Taylor, born September 22, 1864, in Lehi, Utah, died August 13, 1946. She was the daughter of Bishop David and Rebecca Coleman Evans. She was married to Samuel Joseph Taylor July 24, 1885, she had two daughters: Verlie (Mrs. H.C. Hart), and Marvel (Mrs. Afton Peterson).

While a young girl, she was obliged to help her mother with the pioneer way of life. They made their soap from burning greasewood to make the lye. They washed and carded, spun and colored wool and wove it into cloth. They went into the fields in the fall to help with the harvest, picking up potatoes and gathering ground cherries to make preserves.

The first school she attended was in one room of her father's home. There were only two or three books for the class, but after a few years, each child had a book, slate, and pencil.

She never knew defeat, and she always saw the sunny side of life. Her many poems, written to her friends and family, express her keen sense of humor.

Her accomplishments were many. She was in the first choir under the direction of John L. Gibb. She worked in the Primary Association for sixteen years as a teacher, a counselor for four years, and in the Stake Primary Board for three years. Her contributions to the Red Cross during World War I were many. She worked on the Old Folks Committee for twenty-one years, and was custodian of relics of the Daughters of Pioneers.